

State Plan to Address Autism Spectrum Disorders for

2015

Objective	Recommendations	Strategies	Partners in Action	Status	Critical Issues Addressed
1.1	Secure state and federal funding, grants and other resources to ensure adequate service delivery.	1.1.1 Advocate and provide legislative testimony to support funding for services that support individuals with ASD.	CASD Resource Development Subcommittee, ASD, DETR	\$14.7 million over 2015-17 biennium. Additional \$2.2 million placed in contingency account. \$41.4 million allocated to Medicaid to begin January 2016.	Funding; Services
1.1		1.1.2 Provide letters of support to statewide agencies and non-profit organizations in their pursuit of additional funding opportunities	CASD Resource Development Subcommittee	No activity to report.	Funding; Services
1.2	Expand access to health insurance benefits for ASD services.		CASD Resource Development Subcommittee	AB 6 was signed May 26. RBT effective July 1. Removes CABI requirement and doubles ABA to \$72,000 per year.	Funding
1.2		1.2.1 Identify and engage organizations that utilize self-funded insurance plans to increase ASD coverage.	CASD Resource Development Subcommittee	No activity to report.	Funding
1.3	Expand Medicaid Coverage for ASD services throughout the lifespan.		CASD Resource Development Subcommittee, DHCFP	Commision and advocates advocated for ABA coverage across the lifespan but were unsuccessful.	Screening & Diagnosis, Services
1.3		1.3.1 Advocate for Medicaid coverage which supports ASD screening, diagnosis, and treatment.	CASD Resource Development Subcommittee, DHCFP	DHCFP and Medicaid completed State Plan Amendment for ABA coverage to take effect January 1, 2016. AB307 expands services for children with intellectual disabilities to maintain child in home.	Screening & Diagnosis, Services

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1.3		1.3.2 Identify and ensure that Medicaid reimbursement rates are sufficient to support access to services.	CASD Resource Development Subcommittee, DHCFP	Members and providers attended two statewide provider rates workshops and expressed their concerns. Commission members will attend the provider rate workshop on July 1st.	Funding; Services
2.1	Promote and legislatively advocate for the adoption of policies and funding which deliver comprehensive services for young children to ensure optimal outcomes.	2.1.1 Advocate for immediate eligibility of and connection to comprehensive treatment and services for children based upon a failed ASD screening.	CASD Early Childhood Subcommittee	Improvement of access to ATAP Comprehensive Plans for children receiving services through NEIS. ATAP and NEIS will be collocated in the same building.	Systems; Services
2.3	Promote and legislatively advocate for policies and funding which deliver self-directed, person-centered services for adults		CASD Adults and Aging Subcommittee, Governor's Task Force on Integrated Employment	Following bills passed: SB419 (NV ABLE Savings Program; AB128 (simplified durable power of attorney for healthcare decisions to be used by adults with intellectual disabilities.)	
2.3		2.3.1 Collaborate with the Governor's Task Force on Integrated Employment to advocate for and ensure that the employment needs and choices of Nevadans with ASD are identified, understood and addressed.	CASD Adults and Aging Subcommittee, Governor's Task Force on Integrated Employment	Mr. Olson, chair of Adults & Aging subcommittee, is on Task Force. Recommendations include 15% of NV VocRehab funding to be utilized for transitioning youth in high schools into integrated employment positions.	Knowledge

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2.3		2.3.2 Promote entrepreneurial enterprise and business creation opportunities for Nevadans with ASD to Governor's Office of Economic Development, local and state agencies, private for-profit and non-profit entities	CASD Adults and Aging Subcommittee, Office of Economic Development	Mr. Olson will be presenting entrepreneurial and business creation opportunities to at least one group before the year-end. Ms. Ward is working with Rural Regional Center, VocRehab and NV Small Business Development Center to develop small business entrepreneurialships run by adults with disabilities in Rural Nevada.	Systems
2.3		2.3.3 Collaborate with ADSD, DHCFP, CSPD providers and recipients to establish policies and systems which enable Nevadans with disabilities, including ASD, to self-select their own residential setting.	CASD Adults and Aging Subcommittee, ADSD, DHCFP, CSPD	Mr. Olson provided testimony and evidence in development of State Transition Plan by NV DHCFP as required by Centers for Medicaid and Medicaid Services	Systems
3.1	Establish a sufficient pool of credentialed Registered Behavior Technicians (RBT).		CASD Workforce Development Subcommittee, DETR, CCSD, UNR, UNLV	July 1, 2015 is effective date for RBT credential recognized in Nevada. UNLV reports 175 interventionists have started the online training. There are 19 RBTs currently registered with BACB.	Workforce
3.1		3.1.1 Collaborate to track and fund RBT trainings statewide	CASD Workforce Development Subcommittee, DETR, CCSD, UNR, UNLV	ATAP funded 500 licenses for interventionists to be RBTs	Workforce

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3.3	Establish training options for primary and secondary ASD service providers.	3.3.1 Develop a training approach that incorporates online learning toolkits, training workshops, statewide conference participation and peer supported networks for individuals in the field.	CASD Workforce Development Subcommittee, DETR, ASD, Universities	No activity to report.	Knowledge; Systems
3.4	Establish a web-based directory/marketplace for ASD providers	3.4.1 Collaborate with ASD to support the launch of its web-based directory/marketplace.	CASD Workforce Development Subcommittee, DETR, ASD, Universities	Initial discussion took place but no funding has been included in the 2015-2017 budget for this.	Knowledge
4.1	Establish a statewide education and outreach campaign regarding ASD.		CASD, DPBH, ASD, collaboration with nonprofits and parents	ADOS trainings in North and South for community and state providers. Annual LTSAESummit at UNR with 67 participants.	Knowledge; Systems
4.1		4.1.1 Coordinate with the Division of Public and Behavioral Health to establish and implement a statewide community education campaign. Develop outreach materials for billboards, posters and flyers specifically for rural Nevada.	CASD, DPBH, ASD, collaboration with nonprofits and parents	In-kind design is available for development of materials, once message is defined. NVLEND held Summit at UNR. ADOS training in June/July.	Knowledge; Systems